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:: today's notes ::

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# LIFE IN CHRIST

*a study in Ephesians*

**God... has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.**

**Ephesians 1:3 NIV**

**I pray that the eyes of your heart  
may be enlightened in order that  
you may know... his incomparably  
great power for us who believe.**

**Ephesians 1:18-19 NIV**

**But now in Christ Jesus, you who  
once were far away have been  
brought near...**

**Ephesians 2:13 NIV**



**And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit...**

**Ephesians 1:13 NIV**



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***Ephesians 4:1 (p. 815)***

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**...the mystery of his will... to bring  
unity to all things in heaven and on  
earth under Christ.**

**Ephesians 1:9-10 NIV**

**As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins...**

**[But God] made us alive with Christ...  
Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household...**

**Ephesians 2:1, 4-5, 19 NIV**



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My calling is to be ALIVE in  
Christ, to be in UNITY with God's  
people, and to bring BOTH to  
OTHERS.

# *Ephesians 4:2-6*

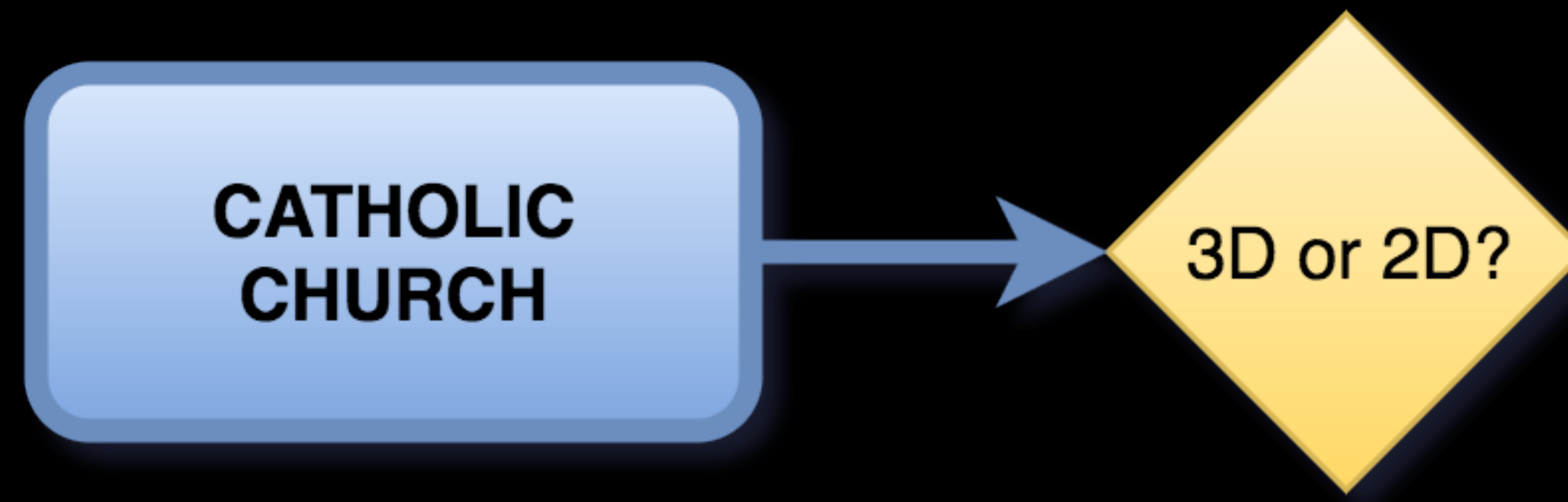
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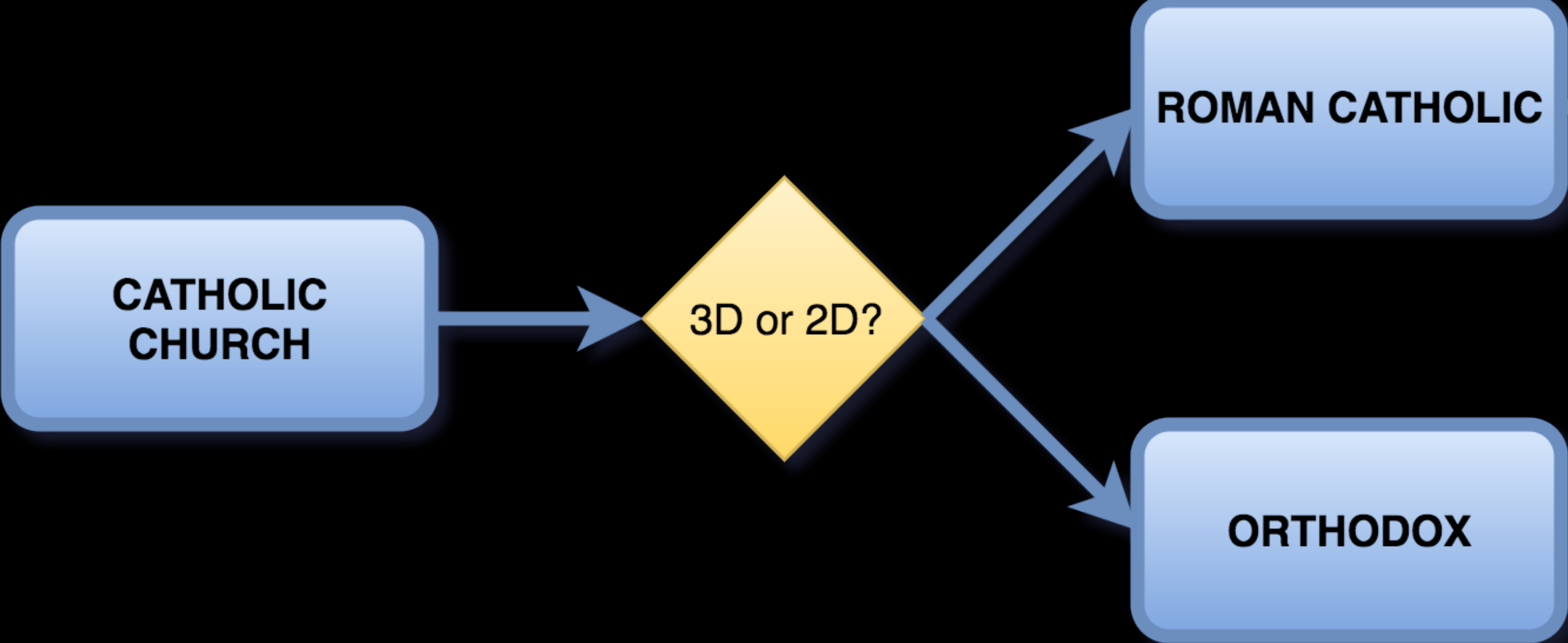


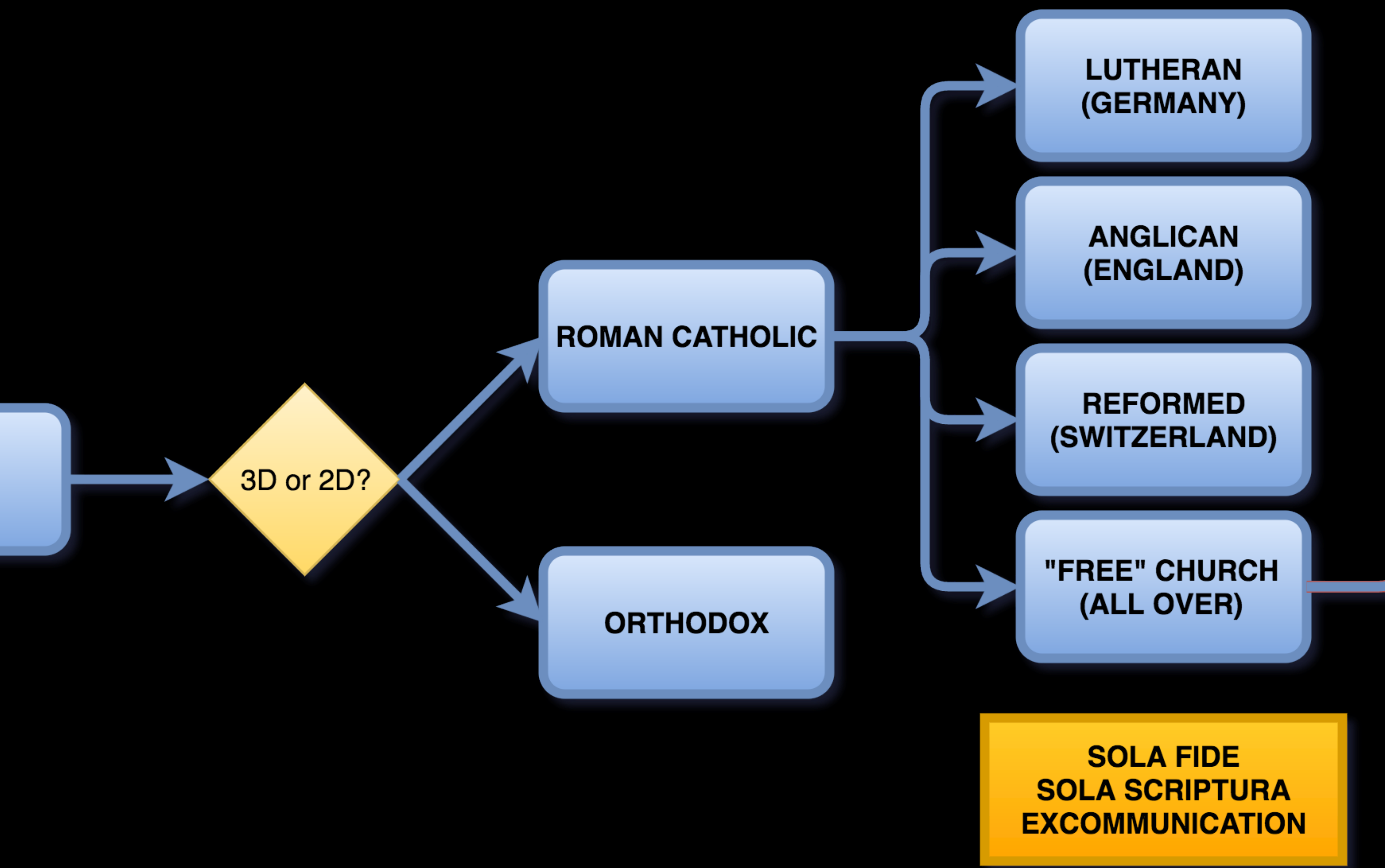
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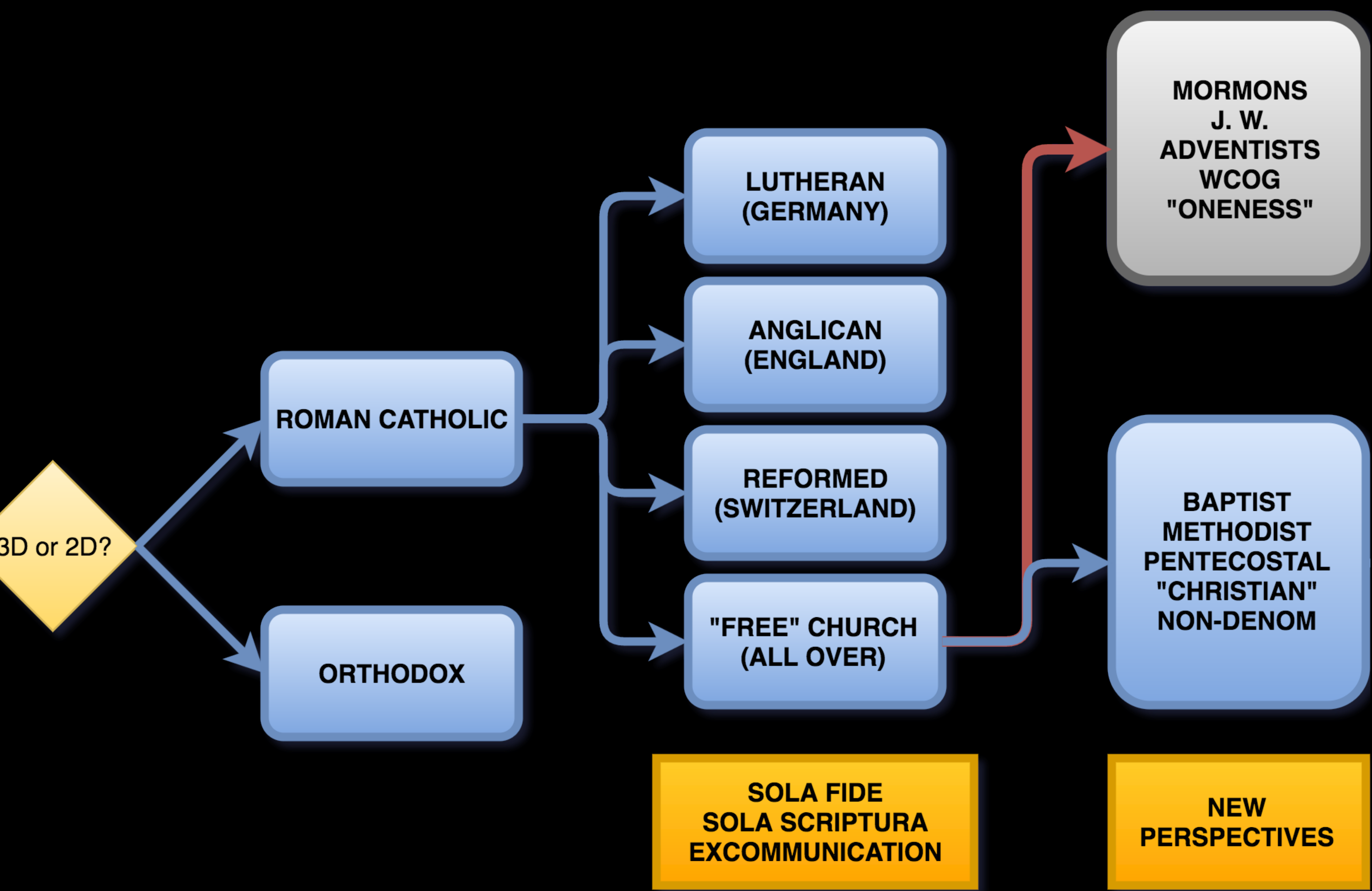
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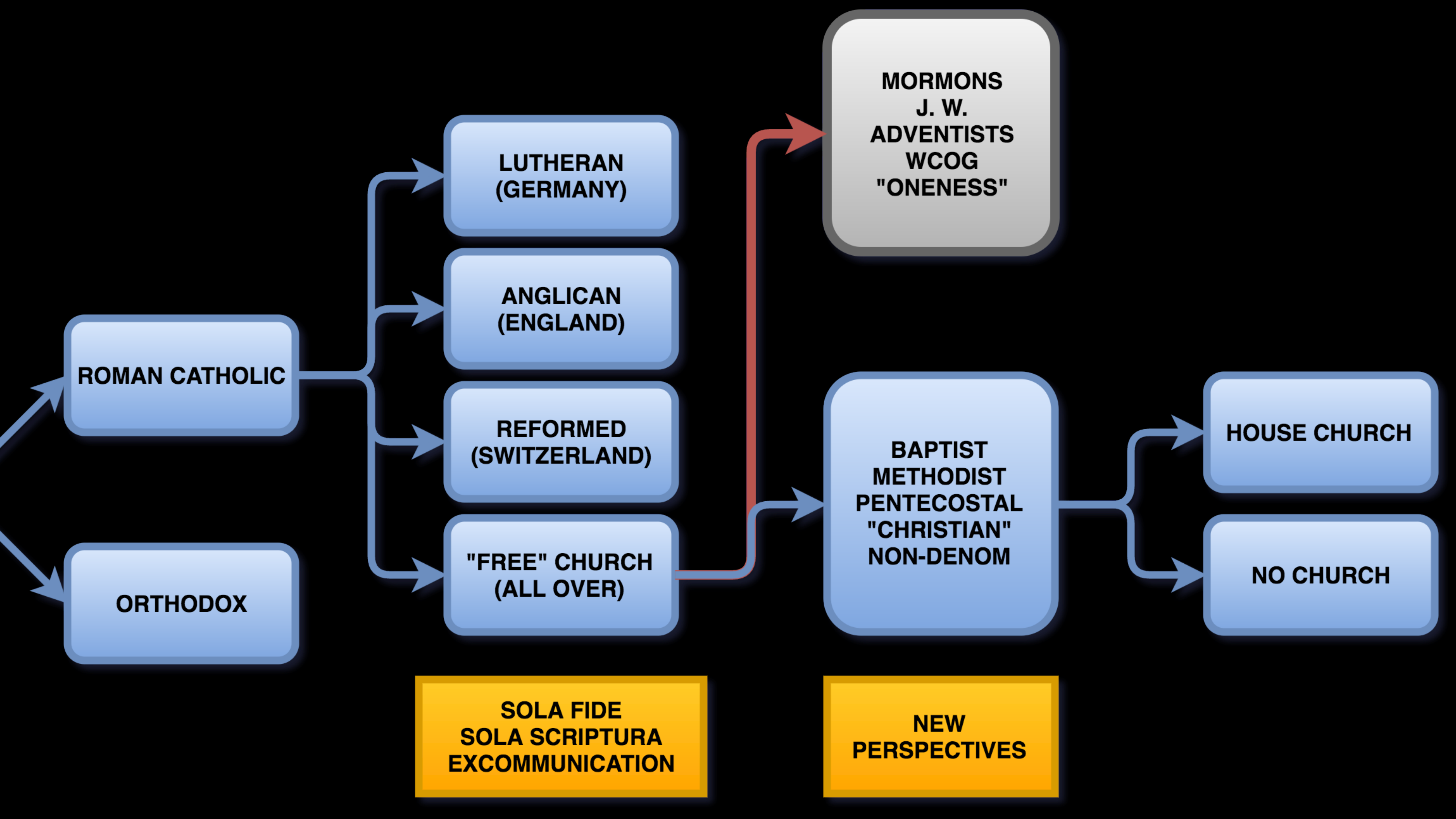
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Christian unity begins with  
doctrine, but ends with  
**HARD WORK!**



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# *Ephesians 4:7-16*

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Christ's first gifts to me  
are my LEADERS.

**And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.**

**1 Corinthians 12:28 NIV**

**APOSTLE**

**“sent one”**

**Consistently in the NT, refers only to the first generation of church leaders.**

**No instructions are given.**

# PROPHET

“forth-teller”

People who receive a special word from God for others.

They are instructed to take turns and let others evaluate what they say.

**EVANGELIST**

**“good news giver”**

**Used only here, Philip, and Timothy  
No instructions are given.**



# PASTOR & TEACHER

“shepherd” & teacher

Only use of “shepherd” as a noun.

Teacher is the only item in this list that has specific instructions for the future.

**And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.**

**2 Timothy 2:2 NIV**

**The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient...**

**Since an overseer manages God's household, he must be blameless— not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined...**

**He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.**

**Titus 1:5-9 NIV**



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My leaders are there to get me to  
KNOW the TRUTH and PLAY  
my PART.



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Submissive, cooperative unity  
builds MATURITY.



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In Christ, I will be committed to  
the HARD, MATURING WORK  
of Christian UNITY.



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